



John MacAlarney

January 12, 2016

John MacAlarney, 85, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on January 9, 2016 at Landis Homes. Born in Hazelton, PA, he was the son of the late Bernard and Winifred MacAlarney. He and his wife, Diann Corwin, who preceded him in death (2007), were married November 6, 1949, in Port Jervis, NY.

He is survived by daughters Candyce Cranston, Ellisville, Mo. and Susan Edwards, Landisville, son John II, Manheim Township, four grandchildren and sisters Berniece and Judy. John was preceded in death by two sisters, Winifred and Audrey.

A longtime radio and television personality, John retired as WDAC's news director in 1991 having joined the Christian radio station in 1980 after 23 years as newsman and anchorman for WGAL-TV. He began his broadcasting career with WKOK radio, Sunbury, in 1957.

A Memorial Service will be on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Groff Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange St. (corner of Pine and Orange Streets), Lancaster, PA 17603. There will be no public viewing however the family will receive friends on Saturday from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association,

610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603.

ADDENDUM:

Memorial Service for John is rescheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA. The family will receive friends at The Groffs from 1:00-2:00 p.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603;

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ John brought much joy into our home while I was growing up. First bring the news with his smile; then on WDAC. Our whole family looked forward to John's reports and his bright spirit. He blessed us, and many more I'm sure, in HOW he did his work. He leaves a great legacy.

Don Johns
Bozeman, MT

Don Johns - May 08, 2016 at 12:48 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you folks who were fortunate enough to be a part of the MacAlarney family. John was a blessing to many on the Landis Homes campus in recent years. He always had a smile and kind comment, thoroughly enjoyed puzzles and games to spend his time in a social setting. We have other plans for Saturday, the 23rd, and will not be able to attend your services but have been rejoicing that John no longer suffers for his every breath and is once again whole, healthy and with his Lord and Savior! May God's Holy spirit give you comfort while you adjust to John's passing.

Jim & Jean Bednar - January 21, 2016 at 08:15 PM

BE

“ So sorry for your loss and my condolences to the family. I will always remember the good times and the open doors while growing up as a kid. I wish I could be with you Saturday, but I can not, but my thoughts are with you all.

Brian Eshleman - January 19, 2016 at 02:45 PM

GS

“ *Condolences to the family. Your family lived in my Mothers apt when they moved to Lancaster. I remember him as such a nice man I remember you children also. That was many years ago. Deepest sympathy Gail and Jen Smith*

Gail Smith - January 18, 2016 at 07:47 PM

CR

“ *Our sincerest sympathies to the family of John McAlarney. We met John and his lovely wife, Diann, when they were neighbors with our parents, George (Veryl) and Leona (Mattie) Weigel, on Yorkshire Way. Their friendship blossomed. As the years went by, they truly depended upon each other for many daily favors, etc., or just a kind, encouraging word. Diann, mother and I shared health problems. It was fun watching John and Chas as they heartily competed in games! We take comfort that all four are joined now and are neighbors once again. We all have been blessed to have had time spent with these wonderful souls. God bless you always.*

Charles & Erna Reinhart - January 14, 2016 at 03:53 PM

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RF

“ We are very sorry for your loss. However, heaven has gained a dedicated soul who loved the Lord. We remember John from his days on WGAL, but I remember most of all his familiar voice on WDAC each day. May our Heavenly Father Bless you and give you peace in knowing all is well with your Dad, who is in the arms now of his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Reeves/Hurdle Family - January 14, 2016 at 10:04 AM